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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2693

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, ASEC, SHUM, PINS, ES
SUBJECT: EXXON CONSIDERING PARTIAL PULL OUT FORM EL SALVADOR
DUE TO TERRORISM THREAT

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2645, STATE 135950

1. EXXON OFFICIALS CALLED ON ME TODAY TO SAY THAT IN
LIGHT OF MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING, PUBLIC THREAT TO US, GERMAN
AND JAPANESE BUSINESS COMMUNITIES, INABILITY OF GOES TO
COME TO GRIPS WITH TERRORISM SITUATION, AND OVER-ALL
POTENTIAL FOR RURAL AND URBAN VIOLENCE, THEY ARE MOVING
TOWARD DECISION TO EFFECT PARTIAL PULL OUT OF THEIR
OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL FROM EL SALVADOR.

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2. THEY CONTEMPLATE PROBABLY TRANSFER OF THEIR REGIONAL
HEADQUARTERS TO A LOCATION IN PANAMA OR SOMEWHERE ELSE
IN CENTRAL AMERICA. THIS WOULD NOT FOR TIME BEING
AFFECT OTHER PERSONNEL ENGAGED HERE IN MARKETING AND
REFINERY OPERATIONS. THOSE MOVING WOULD BE MOST VISIBLE
PERSONNEL, MOSTLY US AND THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS. NUMBER

DEPARTING WOULD BE IN RANGE OF 20-25 PERSONS, BUT OTHER CLERICAL AND SECRETARIAL PERSONNEL WOULD BE LAID OFF. COMPANY OFFICIALS ARE RELUCTANT TO TAKE THIS STEP AND ARE AWARE THAT IT WILL COME AS A BLOW TO THE GOES, BUT IN VIEW OF THREAT AND REALITIES OF PRESENT SITUATION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT UPON THEIR EMPLOYEES THEY FEEL THAT THEY HAVE LITTLE CHOICE.

3. FINAL DECISION STILL PENDING. LOCAL EXXON OFFICIALS WILL BE CONFERRING WITH PRINCIPALS IN CORAL GABLES AND EXPECT TO BE IN WASHINGTON ON THURSDAY, JUNE 1, WHERE THEY HOPE TO CONSULT WITH ELEANOR HICKS, WADE MATTHEWS, SALLY SHELTON AND/OR AMBASSADOR ISHAM.
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